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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the Examiner's non-final Office Action dated August 31, 2004 for the above-referenced patent application. Applicants kindly request entry of the present amendments and consideration of the remarks herein, which are sincerely presented to place the application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the claims in accordance with the Claim Listing, which begins at page 2 of this paper.